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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know why the grant in respect of the other institutions was refused?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Because we considered that they did not deserve that help.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that a particular institution was promised grant by the District Collector and that when the application actually reached the District Collector, the District Collector said that it was belated and that the school could not get any grant?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am not aware of that particular instance.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : If there is such a case, will the Government kindly consider the case and allow the grant to be made from the General Revenues even if the Cyclone Relief Fund might have been closed?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As the hon. Member himself has mentioned, I do not think we have any amount in the Cyclone Relief Fund. Moreover, I do not think that we should continue this relief even after two or three years of cyclone havoc.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As a concluding point, may I say that the District Collector asked the particular school to just forward the application through the District Educational Officer and when that was recommended, it was returned as belated? So, will the Government kindly consider the case of this school in Mannargudi favourably?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think I can give any assurance that it could be considered. Because, there is no amount in the Cyclone Relief Fund which could be allotted for this purpose.

Bridge across the Cauvery near Musiri

* 24 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal before the Government to construct a bridge across the Cauvery near Musiri (Tiruchirappalli district); and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands?

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Minister for Public Works) : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : May I know whether the Government have investigated the need and possibility of construction of a bridge at the place indicated, what the cost of the scheme is and whether the Government will at least consider its inclusion in the Third Plan?

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THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : There are two bridges across the Cauvery and Government did not feel that there was any need for a third bridge in-between the two.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE HON. CHAIRMAN.

(1) MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have to announce to the House that I have received the following message, from the Governor of Madras, dated the 15th February 1958 :—

"In pursuance of Article 207, clause (3), of the Constitution of India, I, Bishnuram Medhi, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Appropriation Bill, 1958."

(2) MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I have also to announce to the House that I have received the following messages, dated the 14th February 1958, from the Hon. Speaker, Madras Legislative Assembly :—

"(1) In accordance with rule 138 of the Madras Assembly Rules, I transmit a copy of the motion passed to-day by the Madras Legislative Assembly, desiring to obtain the concurrence of the Council in setting up a Joint Select Committee of the two Houses to consider the Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection and Payment of Fair Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1958).

Motion.

That the concurrence of the Legislative Council be obtained for setting up a Joint Select Committee of both the Houses consisting of 24 Members (16 Members from the Assembly and 8 Members from the Council) to consider the Madras Cultivating Tenants Protection and Payment of Fair Rent (Amendment) Bill, 1958 (L.A. Bill No. 1 of 1958) and that the following Members of this House be selected to serve on such a Joint Select Committee :—

1 The Hon. Sri. C. Subramaniam.
2 ,, M. A. Manickavelu.
3 Sri P. G. Karuthiruman.
4 ,, S. Lazar.
5 ,, G. Annamalai Muthuraja.